

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A seat belt assembly including an anchor and a seat belt webbing, comprising:

- an anchor connecting member for connecting the anchor to a vehicle body,
- a webbing connecting member connected to the seat belt, and
- a sensor mechanism which detects a force acting between these members, wherein the webbing is inserted into a hole provided in said webbing connecting member and connected by folding back the same;

wherein a portion of the webbing inserted into said hole is folded back from both sides in the width direction, and the width is reduced by bonding the folded portion with the portion not folded.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A seat belt device comprising:

- an anchor connecting member connected to a vehicle body,
- a webbing connecting member connected to the seat belt,
- a webbing comprising one end connected to the webbing by a first stitching to thereby form a looped portion connected to the webbing connecting member; wherein a portion of the webbing adjacent to the looped portion is not folded and wherein the looped portion includes a folded portion and a transition portion that fans out from the folded portion to join the unfolded portion of the seat belt; wherein the first stitching is located in the unfolded portion of the belt and wherein a second stitching is located in the folded portion to constrain the webbing from unfolding; and

a sensor mechanism arranged to overlay the anchor connecting member and the webbing connecting member, wherein the sensor mechanism is configured to detect a force applied between these members; wherein the surface on which said anchor connecting member is connected to the vehicle body and the surface on which said webbing connecting member is connected to the seat belt are in the same plane.

7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 6, wherein a distance between a point at which said webbing connecting member transmits the force to said sensor mechanism and a point at which the seat belt is connected to said webbing connecting member is shorter than the distance between the point at which said webbing connecting member transmits the force to said sensor mechanism and a point at which said anchor connecting member is connected to the vehicle body.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A seat belt assembly including a belt tension sensor, comprising:

a connecting member for connecting the sensor to a vehicle body,

a carriage of the belt tension sensor, wherein the carriage is adapted to engage a webbing of a seat belt and said carriage is adapted to move within a housing in opposition to at least one spring acting between the housing and the carriage, whereby the amount of movement is responsive to a tension in the seat belt, said carriage comprising:

a. an opening adapted to receive the webbing of the seat belt, wherein said opening cooperates with a corresponding opening in the housing; and

b. a protrusion extending from said carriage, wherein with said carriage is installed in the seat belt tension sensor, said protrusion extends beyond an outer surface bounding the housing and spanning across the opening in the housing; and

wherein the portion of the webbing inserted into the opening is folded back from the both sides in the width direction, and the width is reduced by stitching the folded portion with the portion not folded.

11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein said protrusion comprises at least one flange.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 11, wherein said opening in said carriage is sufficiently narrower than said corresponding opening in the housing so as to prevent said webbing from rubbing against a side of said corresponding opening in the housing responsive to a tension load applied to said webbing.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein said protrusion comprises a thimble portion.

14. (Original) The assembly of claim 13, wherein said thimble portion comprises a groove, said groove is adapted to receive a portion of said webbing of said seat belt, and said thimble portion and said groove are adapted to prevent said webbing from contacting a side of said opening in the housing responsive to a tension load applied to said webbing.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 13, wherein said thimble portion comprises a groove, said groove is adapted to receive a portion of said webbing of said seat belt, and said thimble portion and said groove are adapted to prevent said webbing from contacting a surface of the housing responsive to a tension load applied to said webbing.